

MINISTER WU BACK  
IN CITY BEAUTIFULArrives in Washington with  
Extensive Entourage.

LIKES AMERICAN PEOPLE

Surprised at the Startling Dis-  
patches from Tokyo.

When He Left China, He Says, His  
Country and Japan Were on Most  
Friendly Terms—Firm in Belief  
That No Serious Trouble Will De-  
velop—Expects to See Secretary  
of State Root To-morrow.

Wu-Ting-Fang, as bubbling, refreshing,  
democratic, inquisitive, and energetic  
as ever, is back in our midst.

He arrived last night, surrounded by  
an extensive entourage, and went from  
the railroad station to the Chinese Legation,  
which was built through his efforts,  
but was not completed when he was re-  
called to China.

With him, Mr. Wu brought a long roll  
of parchment, covered with Chinese char-  
acters, which meant that he was again  
accredited to the government of the  
United States as envoy extraordinary and  
minister plenipotentiary.

It was like getting home, to the lively  
Chinese diplomat. No head of any foreign  
establishment ever enjoyed himself more  
than Mr. Wu did on his first mission  
to Washington.

While he worked hard and had plenty  
of troubles, he made many friends, ob-  
tained a vast amount of information, and  
had numerous friends. He was popular,  
and no man in his position ever got half  
as much newspaper advertising as he did.

Likes the Americans.  
In the legation building, Mr. Wu last  
night, in his excellent English, talked  
about things in general.

"I like the Americans so much that I  
have almost been accused of being an  
American," he said. "I like your people,  
and they have always seemed to like me,  
that's why I came back."

Mr. Wu's flowing silken robes did not  
suggest America, but his frank, ready  
way of speaking did.

Members of the Chinese Legation, who  
had remained in Washington after the  
departure of Sir Chen Tung Liang Chang,  
who succeeded Mr. Wu, and who was  
succeeded by him, met Mr. Wu at the  
Union Station when his train arrived  
from Chicago. The great station had  
been built in his absence, and as he came  
into the huge concourse from the train-  
sheds, he paused a moment to look  
around. As he did so, a newspaper thrust  
an evening paper in his hand, with:

"Talk about the war between China  
and Japan."

Mr. Wu was much interested in the  
dispatch from Tokyo, saying that an ultimatum  
had been sent by Japan to China for the  
surrender immediately of the Tatsu,  
the Japanese steamship seized by  
China on the charge of smuggling.  
Coupled with this was another demand  
for an apology.

Has Not Been Informed.

"I know but little of the difficulty,"  
said Mr. Wu, "but I cannot bring my-  
self to believe that it is serious. I can  
say nothing definite in regard to the situation  
until the press dispatches are  
either confirmed or contradicted, and I  
hope it will be the latter."

The Minister said he had no advice  
from his government on the troubles  
awaiting his arrival. As the immediate  
difficulties into which the countries are  
reported to be involved had developed  
since his departure from Peking, he ex-  
pressed ignorance to the claims of the  
two nations.

"Japan and China were on the most  
friendly terms when I left my country. I  
am of the opinion that no serious diffi-  
culties have arisen. If wrong, China will  
apologize."

Minister Wu discussed the situation in  
his country.

"In a country where great reforms are  
in progress," said he, "there are bound  
to be conflicting parties. We have men  
who are opposed to the policies of the  
government, just as you have them in  
this country, but there is nothing serious  
in that. There is no revolution threaten-  
ing in my country."

"Well, I am glad to get back," ex-  
claimed Wu, as he switched the war talk  
to personal affairs.

Is Growing Younger.  
"Do I look any older?" he asked some  
of his old newspaper friends. "No, I am  
not older. Do you know, I grow younger  
instead of older."

Then Mr. Wu would recall some of the  
old friends he had when in Washington  
before, and laugh like a youngster at  
his grandmother's on a visit.

Among the first callers at the legation  
was former Secretary of State John W.  
Foster, now counselor of the Chinese  
government. He informed the Minister  
as to the American impression of the  
situation between China and Japan.

Mr. Wu will call on Secretary of State  
Root to-morrow and ask the pleasure of  
having the President receive him.

Almost an entirely new staff was  
brought to Washington by the new Min-  
ister. Mrs. Wu will follow in about two  
months.

SIX DAYS AFLOAT ON RAFT.

Rescued Crew of an American  
Schooner Landed at Belfast.

Belfast, March 7.—The crew of six men  
of the American schooner William H.  
Skinner, of Baltimore, were landed here  
yesterday by the British steamship Bray-  
head. They had been six days floating on  
a raft before they were picked up, and  
were on the verge of starvation.

The William H. Skinner, Capt. Griffith,  
left Georgetown, S. C., on February 14,  
for New Haven. She was reported on  
February 23 by the British steamship Ry-  
on, in latitude 53.1, longitude 71.5, was  
cattered, dismasted, and abandoned.

A in Carte Lunch Served Daily  
At Eckstein's from 12 to 2. 1412 N. Y. ave.

Prices on Lumber & Millwork cut again.  
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## DISCUSS MAXIM'S FEAT.

German Ordnance Experts Want Si-  
lent Firearm.

Berlin, March 7.—The director of a  
leading ordnance firm, who is in close  
touch with the war office, will undoubtedly  
take up Maxim's invention for  
silencing the discharge of firearms, if  
it really is all that is claimed for it.

At the same time the war office is  
highly skeptical, though it admits that  
if the device is as effective as it is de-  
scribed to be, it will practically put an  
end to war. No troops could stand the  
fire of a noiseless gun beyond the range  
of their vision. It is objected that it  
cannot possibly be applicable to the  
Maxim gun in firing 600 shots a minute.

Possibly, it is suggested, to use it  
with a slower rate of firing, on the as-  
sumption that ten silent shots would  
be worth one hundred detonations. It  
is added that attempts in Germany with  
a noiseless weapon, worked by elec-  
tricity, have proved fruitless and had  
to be abandoned.

BLIND HUSBAND SLAIN.

Wife and Stepson Held for Murder  
of Ohio Man.

Gallipolis, Ohio, March 7.—Mrs. Reu-  
ben Bramble and her stepson, Cleve-  
land Hubbs, were arrested here to-day,  
charged with the murder of Mrs. Bram-  
ble's blind husband Tuesday night, on  
their farm at Peniel, Gallia County.

It is charged they shipped the body  
to Springfield, Ohio, where relatives  
lived. Bramble's skull had been frac-  
tured and the body was otherwise  
bruised.

It is alleged that Bramble was killed  
by his stepson with a club while the  
wife held him. It is stated Mrs. Bram-  
ble and her husband quarreled over the  
sale of property, and that the latter  
threatened to leave his wife. She and  
Hubbs deny the charge.

"HOPE HALL" IN COLUMBUS.

Mrs. Maude Ballington Booth Ex-  
tends Rescue Mission Work.

Columbus, Ohio, March 7.—Mrs. Maude  
Ballington Booth, of the Volunteers of  
America, has established a "Hope Hall"  
here for the benefit of the released pris-  
oners of the Ohio penitentiary. Capt. Wal-  
ter Collins is in charge of the twenty-  
three-room house that has just been pur-  
chased and is now being fitted up.

Mrs. Booth will be here to-morrow  
to make further arrangements.

WANTS BROTHER'S PLACE.

Man Would Act as Substitute for  
Army Private.

Wilkesbarre, March 7.—Frank O'Don-  
nell, of Lattimer, has applied to Lieut.  
Smith, in charge of the recruiting office  
at Hazelton, to be permitted to take the  
place of his brother, who recently en-  
listed in the army. His mother, he says,  
is breaking her heart over the young  
man's enlistment, and he fears that as  
a result her health will break down.

Lieut. Smith will notify the War De-  
partment of the case, to see if anything  
can be done.

MAY USE BRITISH PORT.

American Fleet Said to Have Plans  
for Coaling.

Shanghai, March 7.—There is an un-  
confirmed rumor that the American  
fleet will use We-hai-wei, the British  
leased port in the province of Shan-  
tung, as a coaling station.

ARSENIC POISON FEARED.

Coroner's Jury Probing Death of  
Walter F. Baker.

Hackensack, N. J., March 7.—Prelimi-  
nary to the formal inquest next Tues-  
day, a coroner's jury to-day viewed the  
remains of Walter Farnsworth Baker, of  
Boston, who, four months ago, died sud-  
denly in Bogota. The body will be re-  
moved to-night to Boston, in charge of  
the dead man's brother, Edward F. Baker.

Should the jury find that Baker died  
of arsenic poisoning, Prosecutor Koester,  
of Bergen County, said to-day that he  
will take the case before the grand jury  
next month.

Among the witnesses at the inquest  
will be Dr. William Boas, a chemist of  
the Massachusetts General Hospital; Dr.  
Margath, one of the medical examiners of  
Boston, who performed an autopsy on the  
body, and several detectives who have  
been in the employ of Edward F. Baker  
since his brother's death.

It is said that Edward is convinced  
that his brother did not die from natural  
causes, and he will bear all the expenses  
of the witnesses who will testify at the  
coroner's inquest.

ARRESTED AT HIS PARTY.

Edward Davidson Wanted for Bank-  
ruptcy Fraud in Rhode Island.

Chicago, March 7.—Edward C. David-  
son, of West Pullman, who was arrested  
last night by Federal officers in con-  
nection with an alleged \$120,000 bankruptcy  
fraud, was held for removal to Provi-  
dence, R. I., by United States Commis-  
sioner Mark A. Foote to-day.

Davidson was captured by secret serv-  
ice agents while celebrating his birth-  
day in company with his wife and chil-  
dren and some friends. He passed the  
night in the county jail.

He waived examination, and, being un-  
able to furnish \$7,500 bond, was taken in  
charge by Secret Service Operative C.  
E. Wall. They started for Providence  
this evening.

FRANK ROCKEFELLER LOSES.

Oil King's Brother Beaten in Suit  
Brought in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., March 7.—Frank Rockefel-  
ler, a brother of John D. Rockefeller,  
broke into the Supreme Court of Kan-  
sas to-day and was beaten in a suit  
which he brought against K. B. Ringle,  
from Reno County.

Rockefeller was a member of the  
Seigel-Saunders Live Stock Commission  
Company, which sold some cattle to  
Ringle and took a note for \$5,323.26.  
The note was sold to a bank, and the  
cattle were later sold at a loss, which  
the commission company had to as-  
sume.

Rockefeller purchased the note from  
the bank and brought suit to recover  
the balance due. The District Court  
decided against him, and the Supreme  
Court affirmed the decision.

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## PROMINENT WOMEN OF MOTHERS' CONGRESS.



Beginning Tuesday, the International Congress on the Welfare of the Child will open its convention at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church and will be in session one week. At 2:30 o'clock on the opening day President Roosevelt will receive the associate members, governors' delegates, foreign delegates, State presidents, fraternal delegates, and guests of the International Congress at the White House. The real work of the convention will begin Tuesday night, when the messages from delegates appointed by governors of States will be read. At this session Hon. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, official representative of the President of the United States, will deliver an address. Some of the distinguished speakers will be Gen. Francisco Joubert-Plemer, of Angola, Africa; Hon. Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor; Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, and Hon. Henry L. McGuire, of Kansas City.

## AGAIN ATTACK BAILEY

Texas Opponents Hold Mass  
Meeting to Protest.

AFFAIR NOT A REAL SUCCESS

First Fight Takes Place on Floor of  
Convention Hall in Waco When  
Attempt Is Made to Pin Anti-Bailey  
Button on Kennedy's Coat—Special  
Train Carries a Hundred Delegates.

Dallas, Tex., March 7.—The anti-Bailey  
faction of the Democratic party held a  
State convention or State mass meeting  
at Waco to-day.

The avowed purpose of the meeting was  
to mature plans to prevent, if possible,  
the sending of United States Senator  
Bailey as a delegate at large to the na-  
tional convention at Denver by the State  
committee to be held at Fort Worth on  
May 28. It had been planned by the  
leaders to name Senator Culberson and  
Gov. Campbell as two of the delegates at  
large. Their plan became public, how-  
ever, about a week ago and Culberson and  
Campbell made it known that they would  
not permit the use of their names in any  
factional connection or outside the regu-  
lar State convention of the party.

Not Really a Success.

The mass convention to-day cannot be  
characterized as a success. There was  
not to exceed 500 delegates from the State  
at large. There was present in the con-  
vention hall about 2,000 persons, but four-  
fifths of them were spectators. Dallas  
County, the storm center of the anti-  
Bailey movement, sent less than 100 dele-  
gates, notwithstanding a special train had  
been chartered and the round trip fare  
fixed at a low price.

Speeches by Judge G. B. Gerald and  
Cullen F. Thomas, of Waco, were ex-  
tremely bitter against Senator Bailey, an  
others of his old-time enemies spoke in  
terms of censure similar to that indulged  
in during the last year and a half.

Resolutions Adopted.

Resolutions of similar tenor were  
adopted by the meeting, and declarations  
made against sending Senator Bailey or  
any of his political friends to Denver.

An exciting incident was a fist fight  
on the floor of the convention. P. H. Carnes,  
of Waco, attempted to pin an anti-Bailey  
badge on the coat of A. M. Kennedy,  
also of Waco, and the fight came off in-  
stantly.

Both men were bloody when separated.  
Kennedy was projected from the floor  
during the exciting times of the Sena-  
torial investigation and election last  
winter.

He is a candidate for re-election, and  
is a good idea for them not to obey  
and act as if they would rather have  
their own way.

Engagement News Premature.

Libson, March 7.—The report that a  
marriage is projected between King Man-  
uel and the Princess Victoria, only  
daughter of the Kaiser, while not denied  
in official quarters, is declared to be  
wholly premature.

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## TWO TREED BY WOLVES.

Ontario Trappers Spend Night in Open  
Air Without Wraps.

Port Arthur, Ontario, March 7.—From  
dusk to dawn, with the thermometer be-  
low zero, clinging to branches of a slim  
tree while a pack of twenty ravenous  
timber wolves kept up an incessant chorus  
beneath, was the experience of two trap-  
pers, Tom and Patrick Murphy, in Silver  
Mountains, near here.

They started into the woods to Tom's  
trapping headquarters, and before they  
had gone far they heard the baying of  
wolves.

Two shots failed to scare off the lead-  
ers, so the Murphys got into a tree.  
Without food or overcoats, the men were  
kept in the tree all through the night.  
When morning came, the wolves scat-  
tered. The trappers managed to pick off  
one of them, for which they collected  
\$150 in bounty here to-day.

## RAPES AT WEALTHY PARENTS

Master of Groton School Thinks  
Modern Systems Bad.

Declares Too Much Money Is Lav-  
ished Upon Sons of  
the Rich.

Boston, Mass., March 7.—The Rev. Ed-  
mund Peabody, head master of the fa-  
mous Groton School, which probably edu-  
cates more boys of wealthy families than  
any other institution in the country,  
found very little good to say about rich  
parents to-day when he addressed the  
Harvard Teachers' Association at Cam-  
bridge.

His theme was "The training and re-  
sponsibility of parents," and in the course  
of his arraignment he declared that the  
rich of New York lavish too much money  
upon their growing children, "while the  
same class in Boston act as if embar-  
rased by the presence of their offspring  
and don't want to have the children  
around."

"The modern teacher," he said, "has  
no time for the theory of teaching. The  
reason for this is that children are not  
so well brought up as they were in years  
gone by. They are too worldly, too well  
fed, and too much lavished with money."

"When parents send a boy to Harvard,  
instead of considering the educational  
part, they endeavor to pick out the most  
expensive rooms for him. This is espe-  
cially true of New York parents, who are  
altogether too lavish."

"Boston parents bring their children up  
in a more simple way, but when they get  
to Harvard, they want their sons to join  
the most fashionable clubs, as it is a  
big social help to the family."

"Obedience of children is unfashionable.  
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## TWO SLAIN IN COURT.

Fend in Illinois Results in Shooting  
and Stabbing.

Decatur, Ill., March 7.—The revival of a  
family feud to-day resulted in two deaths  
and the fatal injury of another of the  
contestants.

W. F. Holland and his son Walter are  
both dead and J. W. Turner is not ex-  
pected to live, as the result of a fight  
which occurred in Justice Berry's court  
to-day.

Some years ago the elder Holland mort-  
gaged some farm lands to Kirk Wallace.  
The latter foreclosed, and the property  
was bought by Turner. Holland remained  
in possession, however, and had feeling  
grew up between the Hollands and Turn-  
ers, resulting in many quarrels.

A few days ago the Hollands accused  
the Turners of cutting their wife fence.  
The Turners were arrested, but to-day  
were acquitted in court.

After the proceedings Walter Holland  
told Turner he swore to a life and drew a  
revolver. Turner's sons, Bob and John,  
rushed toward Walter with drawn knives  
and stabbed him to the heart. The elder  
Holland rushed to his son's assistance,  
and he likewise met death. In the fight  
the elder Turner was beaten over the  
head and will probably die.

FEAR OF DEVIL CAUSES PANIC.

Nine Killed in Scramble to Get Out  
of Locked Church.

Mexico City, March 7.—A half-witted  
man caused a panic in a crowded church  
at Octilán, which resulted in nine persons  
being trampled to death, according to a  
dispatch received here to-day.

The church was well filled with people  
to witness the confirmation of a large  
class of children by Bishop Ognacio Pla-  
emich. An irresponsible character about  
60 years of age closed and locked the doors.  
He announced in a loud voice that he had  
been told to lock the people in, that the  
devil would soon arrive and get the  
wicked.

His words caused a panic. The wor-  
shippers trampled over each other in their  
efforts to get out through the windows  
before the devil could arrive.

In addition to the nine who were killed,  
many others were seriously injured.

LEAVES HOUSE TO HER DOG.

Montana Woman Wants Relatives to  
Care for Her Pet.

Helena, Mont., March 7.—One of the  
provisions of the will of Mrs. Mary A.  
Fryze, filed with the clerk of the County  
Court to-day, is novel.

She disposes of an estate valued at \$35-  
000, and directs that her Helena home,  
where she lived with her pet dog and  
who was her constant companion, be kept  
fully insured and all taxes paid thereon  
so long as the animal shall live.

She directs that a relative have posses-  
sion, rent free, for two years. There-  
after, or sooner, should the relatives die,  
to any reliable couple which will guaran-  
tee good care of her pet until its death.

AGAINST BUCKET SHOPS.

President Said to Have Told Plans  
to Friend.

New York, March 7.—Wall street is  
much interested in the report that  
President Roosevelt has decided to  
assail the bucket shops.

The President's intentions, it was  
stated this afternoon, were made known  
through a letter written to Charles E.  
Knobloch, a member of the stock ex-  
change and a lifelong friend of the  
Chief Executive. Knobloch stated that  
the contents were purely personal.

Several members of the exchange,  
who said they read the letter, say the  
President insisted he was not aiming at  
legitimate Wall street business, but  
was simply trying to rid the country  
of the bucket shop evil.

## POTOMAC RIVER IS RISING

Floods Imminent in Many Parts  
of the Country.

Hagerstown, March 7.—The Potomac  
River and other streams in this section  
are rising as the result of recent heavy  
rains and the melting of snow.

The river is bank full at Williamsport  
and still rising, but a flood is not feared  
at present.

A lot of farming land is under water,  
owing to the ground being frozen, and it  
is feared that the wheat crop has been  
damaged.

Flood Carries Boat Away.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 7.—The tow boat  
Stella Moren was carried over the Monon-  
gahela River dam at Lock No. 2, at Bes-  
semer City, to-night, and three members  
of her crew of sixteen are reported miss-  
ing. It is believed here that on account  
of the rapidity of the rising river and ex-  
treme darkness the vessel was carried  
over by the swift current. The boat is a  
total wreck.

1,500 Persons Homeless.

Elkhart, Ind., March 7.—Four hundred  
homes are inundated by the waters of the  
Elkhart and St. Joseph's rivers, the  
water in them being from two to five  
feet deep. Skiffs and rafts were brought  
into use to-day to save the people, but  
many of them are still in their homes,  
with the water rising rapidly. Nearly  
1,500 people have been driven from their  
homes by the floods.

Flood Sweeps Michigan.

Battle Creek, Mich., March 7.—This city  
to-night is facing the greatest flood dan-  
ger in its history. With